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HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONFERENCE ON INTERNAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two days conference was held recently in New Delhi to discuss internal security;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any firm strategy has been made or formulated to counter terrorism and to check naxalite violences in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d):A one day Conference of Chief Secretaries/Home Secretaries and Directors General of Police of all States was held on 8.8.2008 to review the prevailing security scenario in various parts of the country and to discuss the recent terrorist incidents, naxalite violence, etc. The discussions highlighted the need for strengthening of police infrastructure, improving response capabilities necessary to address the emerging threats, enhanced surveillance of crowded areas such as markets, malls, etc., in urban areas, stricter enforcement of existing regulations on explosives, countering the menace of Fake Indian Currency Notes, regulations of cyber cafes and retailers of SIM cards etc., with the involvement of all stakeholders, harnessing of technology towards this end, involving the community in countering threats posed by terrorist elements and generating awareness. There was a broad consensus to focus on capacity building through training, skill upgradation, incentivisation of Special Branches of the States, and the need for effective investigation and efficient prosecution of cases having inter-state and international linkages was emphasized.